

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : RIPPL et al.  
Serial No. : 10/598,622  
Confirm. No. : 7972  
Filed : September 6, 2006  
For : METHOD FOR LASER...  
Art Unit : 3742  
Examiner : Maya Angelica Clark  
Dated : August 21, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated June 23, 2009 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired July 23, 2009.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$130.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATED: August 21, 2009  
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.